

Blue Granite/Town of Lexington and Spences Point

1441 Old Chapin Rd
Lexington SC 29072



- My name is Kim Corrigan and I live in Spences Point in Lexington County. My background is in the healthcare industry for over 25 years.
- Blue Granite is applying for a 50% average rate increase only 2 years after a 30% rate increase, which is unreasonable for their consumers. Add to that their statement to Representative Chris Wooten that they intend to pursue additional rate cases every 2 years following this one.
- An example of the service we've received recently:

- February 17, 2020
- Pump alarm 5:04 am
- Technician shut down pump #2 and left.
- Pump #2 failed due to piece of metal that caused check valve to come apart.
- This allowed sewage that had been pumped out to come back into pump, causing overflows.
- Unfortunately, despite multiple calls of sewage running across property and into Lake Murray, no additional technicians until 11:10 am.



- It was estimated that between 400 and 600 gallons of sewage went into Lake Murray per hour from our three areas of overflow.
- I've included pictures of everything referenced and request that it be included as exhibits in this case.
- Blue Granite fixed the pump, sprinkled garden lime on the sewage covered grass and washed our pool deck with HTH, before leaving. No remedy was done for the sewage soaked wood planters lining the cabana pathways. Signs saying keep kids and pets away were posted for four days.
- Our residents, their children and grandchildren swim in the pool/have lunch in our cabana, and play ball on our grassy lawn when the weather gets warmer. Would you want to bring your family over knowing that this happened?

- We request that the Town of Lexington fulfill their agreement made 20 years ago; to connect their sewer lines to our sewer lines, and then close the Watergate Treatment Plant. Thank you for your time and attention.

2019 Current and Proposed Rate Increase for Blue Granite Water Company

with Comparison to Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission - Lexington County and Town of Lexington

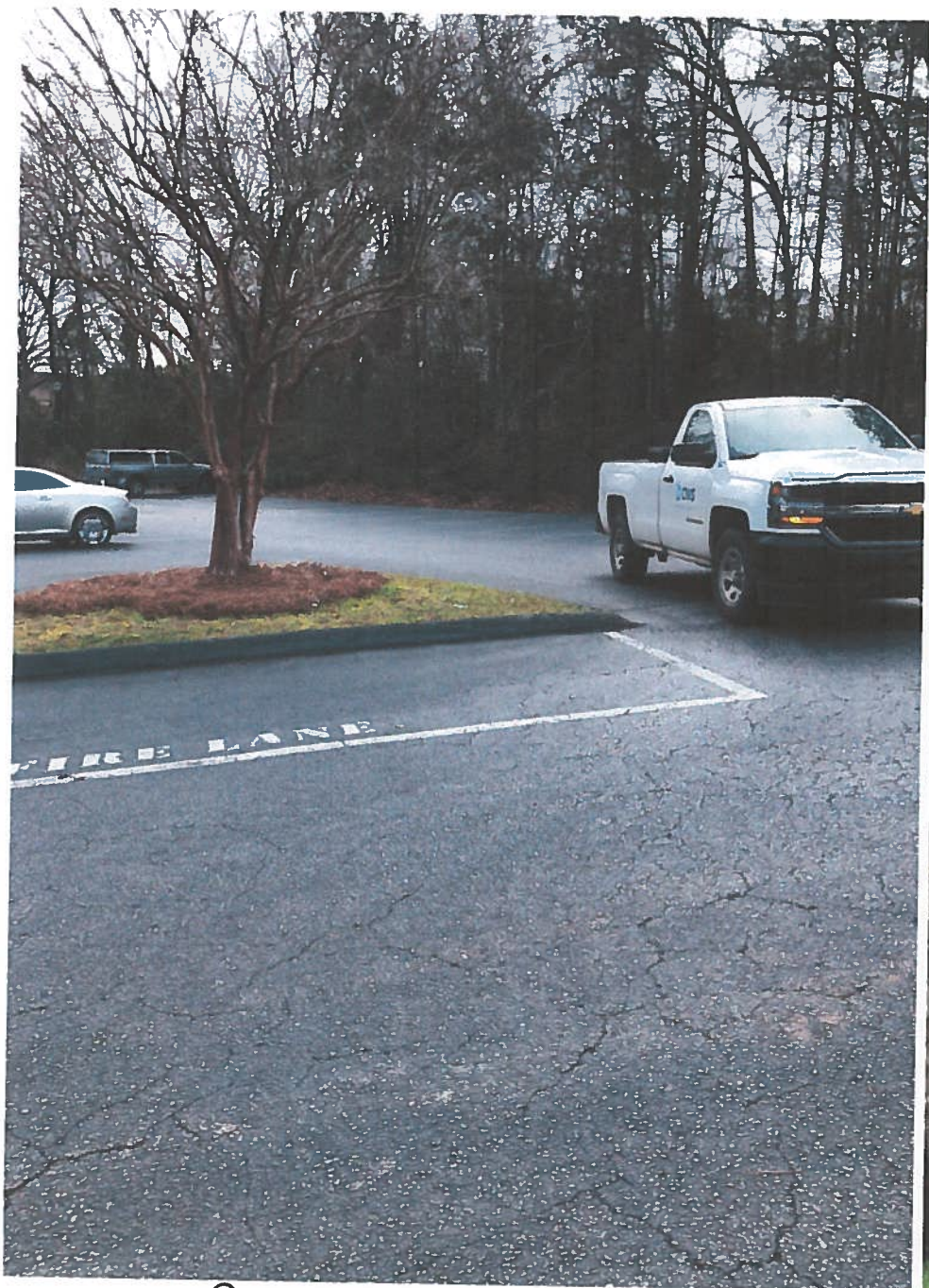
Billing Item	Current Charge	Proposed	Town of Lexington	Lexington County [1]
5/8" Water Residential Base Charge (Per Condo)	\$14.38	\$22.09	\$13.96	\$20.71
Safe Drinking Water Act Fee (Per Condo)	\$0.83	\$0.83	\$0.83	\$0.83
Purchased Water Distribution Charge (Per 1000 gallons)	\$7.55	\$4.75	\$7.80	\$5.32
Purchased Water Charge (Per 1000 gallons)	\$0.00	\$6.85		
5/8" Residential Wastewater Charge (Per Condo)	\$65.08	\$101.30		
Lexington County Only - Wastewater per 10,000 gallons			\$70.56	\$68.50
Example Bill - 9 Unit Building - 15,000 gallons				
5/8" Water Residential Base Charge (Per Condo)	\$129.42	\$198.81	\$125.64	\$186.39
Safe Drinking Water Act Fee (Per Condo)	\$7.47	\$7.47	\$7.47	\$7.47
Purchased Water Distribution Charge (Per 1000 gallons)	\$113.25	\$71.25	\$117.00	\$79.80
Purchased Water Charge (Per 1000 gallons)		\$102.75		
5/8" Residential Wastewater Charge (Per Condo)	\$585.72	\$911.70	\$635.04	\$102.75 [2]
Avg Monthly for 9 Unit /15,000 gallons	\$835.86	\$1,291.98	\$885.15	\$376.41
Rate Increase for 9 Units / 15,000 gallons		55%	> Increase	
Cost per condo with 15,000 gallons per building (9 units)	\$92.87	\$143.55		
Cost per condo with no water usage	\$80.29	\$124.22		
Increase in cost per condo with no water usage		\$43.93		
Increase in cost per 9 unit building with 15,000 gallons used		\$456.12		



sewer grate overflowing @ side of pool,
running directly into Lake Murray (area 1)



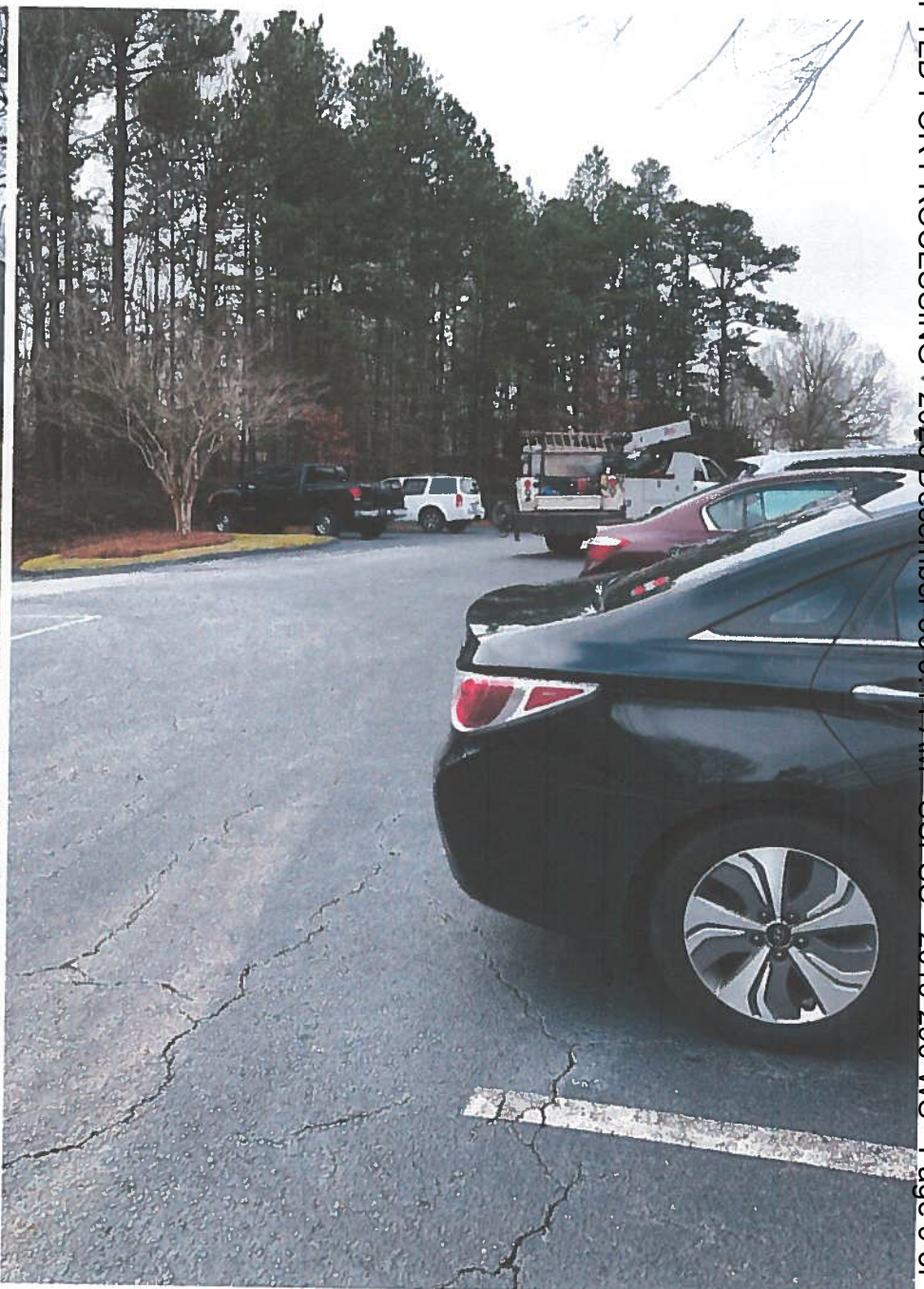
Pump station on Spences
Point Property (note light on)



first truck at 11:10 am



Ⓛ side of pool





sewer drain in outdoor shower
backing up onto pool deck









and running into Lake Murray (area 2)





Sewer lid between buildings overflowing and running into Lake Murray (area 3)





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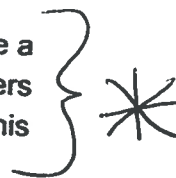
State of South Carolina

Dear Ms.Boyd:

On behalf of Lexington County Legislators who represent citizens in the Blue Granite Water Service territory, I request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, schedule a Public Night Hearing in Lexington County as soon as practicable to hear from our residents on the rate increase requested by Blue Granite Water Company "BGWC" in Docket No.2019-290-WS.

The Application before the Commission contains a proposed increase to water commodity charges and sewer charges. According to the Application, customers living in Lexington County will experience a significant rate increase of approximately 45% for water service and 56% for sewer service.

Furthermore, BGWC has also informed me personally that it intends to pursue a general rate case in every 2 years following. We feel the Lexington County customers surely deserve an opportunity to provide testimony to the Commission about how this proposed rate increase will impact them and their community.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Wooten".

Representative Chris Wooten

cc: Senator Katrina Shealy
Representative Micah Caskey
Representative Paula Rawl Calhoun